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SUBJECT: FY-04 IV PROGRAM: SINGLE COUNTRY GROUP PROJECT ON
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - SIXTH NOMINEE'S DETAIL BIO DATA

REF: Colombo 0881; 1097

1. Post submits detail bio data of Mr. Susantha N. Balapatabendi,
the sixth nominee for the subject group project. Post confirms
that this nomination has "full country team approval."

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 134

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Single Country Group Project on Intellectual Property
Rights - August 23-September 11, 2004

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Single Country Project

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 08/21/2004

SESSION-DATE: 08/23/2004

RETURN-POST: 09/13/2004

NO-OF-PART: 5

RANK-ORDER: 0

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP goals on "Open Markets" and
the mission strategy to urge the GSL to enforce vigorously newly
enacted IPR legislation

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

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ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: SCP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Intellectual Property Rights

START BIO:

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ECON

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: Yes

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: Yes

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 178

PERSON-ID: 182

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE

RES-CNTRY-ID: CE

FIRST-LANG-ID: SI

E-I-TYPE-ID:

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NOM-STATUS: N

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DS2019-SUBJECT: 22.9999

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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0
COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT: 5
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: SUSANTHA
M-NAME: NANDADEVA
L-NAME: BALAPATABENDI
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 321
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 09/11/1965
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Kandy
BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
START MEMO POSITION:
State Counsel, Attorney General's Department, 1993 to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
India, 2003
United Kingdom 1998-1999
Thailand, 1998
Malaysia, 1998
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Associated Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK - area of
study - LAW OF ARBITRATION
Master of Laws (LLM) Queen Mary College, University of London
Attorney at Law, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Life member - Bar Association of Sri Lanka
Associate Fellow - Society of Advance Legal Studies, United
Kingdom
Associate Member - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United
Kingdom
Member, Alumni Association - International Development Law
Organization
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
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FIRST-LANG: Sinhala
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ENGL-COMP: 4
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SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
END OTHER-LANGS:
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END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
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END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Ms. Angela Gemza
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Mr. Balapatabendiya is a state counsel in the Sri Lankan Attorney
General Department. He handles IP related cases for and on behalf
of the Government. Mr. Balapatabendi was a member of the
Intellectual Property Advisory Commission which initiated the new
Property Act in conformity with TRIPS Agreement. He is currently
a member of the IP Core Group in the Attorney General's Department
and is active in enforcing IP Rights in Sri Lanka. Exposing Mr.
Balapatabendi to American intellectual property rights protection
systems will assist in the advancement of IP enforcement in Sri
Lanka, a critical MPP priority.
Post confirms that Mr. Balapatabendi has "Full Country Team "
approval.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF:
SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes

MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: Yes
HOME-HOSP?: Yes
E-I-TYPE:
NOMINEE-ID: 187
PERSON-ID: 193
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COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
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12. Please advise acceptance of this nomination.

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